GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE
Panda Shri Prabodh

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is planning to develop the infrasture to facilitate border trade with China across the Nathula pass for the benefit of Sikkim;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these two State Government have also requested the Union Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (d) : The infrastructure to facilitate border trade with China across Nathula Pass would be developed by the Government of Sikkim. However, Department of Commerce would consider providing financial assistance to the State Government. The proposal indicating the estimated expenditure received from Government of Sikkim has not been found in order. Secretary, BSM in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) decided in a meeting that a core-team comprising of representatives of Commerce, MEA and MHA may visit the site for an assessment of the immediate requirements of infrastructure for operationalising the trade mart. MHA is to convene this visit.